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SUBJECT: ENERGY: NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF
LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT; POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF
OECD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

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1. AT JULY 18 MEETING, COUNCIL AGREED ON NEW PROCEDURES
PROPOSED BY SECGEN FOR PRESENTATION OF AND RESPONSIBIL-
ITY FOR LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT. SECGEN WILL CON-
VENE AN AD HOC MEETING OF GOVERNMENT REPS ON OR ABOUT
SEPTEMBER 19-20 TO EXAMINE LTEA AND WILL SUBMIT FINAL
REPORT TO COUNCIL ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY IN COURSE
OF OCTOBER. IN REVISED ENTRY IN MINUTES, COUNCIL
NOTES INTENTION OF SECGEN TO EXPLORE DESIRABILITY OF
HAVING LTEA EXAMINED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, RATHER THAN
INVITING HIM TO DO SO. THIS CHANGE REFLECTS VIEWS OF
U.S. AND SEVERAL OTHER DELS THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO
TAKE ANY POSITION ON THIS MATTER, AND IS CONTRARY TO
VIEWS OF ITALIAN AND AUSTRIAN DELS, WHO WOULD HAVE
PREFERRED COMMITMENT NOW TO EVENTUAL MINISTERIAL
REVIEW OF LTEA.

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2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION THIS ITEM, EC COMMISSION
DEL RECALLED PROPOSAL HIS DELEGATION HAD PUT FORWARD
AT LAST MEETING OF OIL COMMITTEE FOR INTENSIFYING WORK
WITH OECD ON ENERGY R&D; HE SAID HE WOULD SHORTLY
CIRCULATE TO COUNCIL DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AIMED AT
IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL, WHICH HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY OIL
COMMITTEE. SECGEN RESPONDED THAT HE WAS MINDFUL OF OIL
COMMITTEE ACTION, BUT ALONG WITH DR. LANTZKE WAS
CONSIDERING REORGANIZATION OF OECD ENERGY WORK IN
BROADER CONTEXT, INCLUDING AMONG OTHER ELEMENTS
DECISIONS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN BY ECG IN BRUSSELS.
SECGEN SAID HE WAS GIVING CONSIDERATION IN PRELIMINARY
WAY TO PROPOSING MERGER OF OIL AND ENERGY COMMITTEES
INTO SINGLE ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE WHICH COULD HAVE
SUB-BODIES TO DEAL, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH OIL AND R&D.
THE R&D WORK COULD BE COORDINATED WITH THAT UNDERTAKEN
IN OTHER OECD BODIES, SUCH AS NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY AND
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
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